Lutheran Church of the Holy Spirit

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Eighth Sunday after Pentecost Sunday, July 14, 2024 10:30 am

The Holy Spirit Empowers Us for Ministry in Daily Life

Gathered by God's grace and empowered by the Holy Spirit, we invite and welcome all people to join us on our journey to become more faithful ministers of Jesus Christ in our homes, our communities, and the world.

We welcome all who worship with us today.

Visitors are invited to sign the guest register.

If you are interested in joining our family of faith,
please talk with one of our Pastors or call the church office.

Children are welcome and celebrated!

The "Children's Ministry" table and basket in the lobby contains a variety of items for children's use during worship. Stop by to borrow a book, pick up some coloring sheets and crayons or take along a copy of this week's children's bulletin.

Please silence all communication devices.

Our services are live streamed and recorded. In-person attendance implies consent to be included in the live streamed and recorded worship service.

HOLY COMMUNION

All who believe in the presence of Jesus Christ in Holy Communion are welcome to receive the Sacrament. To facilitate flow, the ushers invite people to come forward starting with the back rows and working forward. You should come forward using the center aisle to receive the elements in a continuous style from pastor and worship assistant. Afterward you may choose to kneel or stand at the altar rail for a brief moment of prayer or return to your seat up the side aisle, depositing your empty cup in the receptacle on your way. Gluten free wafers are available. Our wine is grape juice so that all may freely receive. Children may receive the sacrament if they have completed instruction with a pastor.

Children who do not commune may come forward for a blessing. Communion kits are available at the usher stands for those who prefer to remain in their seats, and they will be communed along with our Zoom worshippers at the beginning of distribution.

GATHERING

The Holy Spirit calls us together as the people of God.

Gathering Music Fountain Reverie Fletcher

Welcome and Announcements

Please stand as you are able.

Confession

We toss and turn at night, unable to sleep because of the tunes running through our heads. But, if we listen carefully, we will discover that it is God singing to us, of that hope, that joy, that mercy offered to us, if we will but open our lives to the forgiveness and healing which is God's desire for us. Let us confess our out-of-tune lives, as we pray together.

We would sing praises to you, composer of our lives, but we remember the harsh words we used toward a friend this week. We would learn your healing hymns of grace, but the broken chords of our anger and pain echo deep within us. We would dance in the circle of your love, but we recall how quickly we turned and ran when offered opportunities to serve your people.

Forgive us, gifter of every blessing, open our hearts and fill us with your mercy. Open our ears that we may hear the songs of grace you would teach us to share with the world.

Open our eyes that we may see the hope we have in Jesus Christ, our Lord and Savior, our inheritance for love and joy.

Before the earth was shaped, God created the music of grace which sets our hearts, our souls, our feet to dancing with you in the hope God has given to us.

It is God who has created us, it is God who has redeemed us, and it is God who sends us forth to lives as siblings of Christ. Thanks be to God, we are forgiven. Amen

Gathering Hymn

Come, thou fount of every blessing

ELW 807



- 1 Come, thou Fount of ev 'ry bless-ing, tune my heart to sing thy grace;
- 2 Here I raise my Eb en e zer: "Hith-er by thy help I've come";
- 3 Oh, to grace how great a debt-or dai-ly I'm con-strained to be;



streams of mer - cy, nev - er ceas - ing, call for songs of loud-est praise. and I hope, by thy good plea - sure, safe - ly to ar - rive at home. let that grace now like a fet - ter bind my wan-d'ring heart to thee.



While the hope of end-less glo - ry fills my heart with joy and love, Je - sus sought me when a strang-er, wan-d'ring from the fold of God; Prone to wan - der, Lord, I feel it; prone to leave the God I love.



teach me ev - er to a - dore thee; may I still thy good-ness prove. he, to res - cue me from dan-ger, in - ter - posed his pre-cious blood. Here's my heart, oh, take and seal it; seal it for thy courts a - bove.

Greeting

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all. **And also with you.**



- 1 Glo-ry be to God in heav-en; peace, good-will to all the earth
- 2 Glo-ry be to Christ for ev er, Lamb of God and Lord of love.
- 3 Ho-ly One we now ac-claim you; Lord a lone, to you we call;



Might-y God of all cre - a - tion, Fa - ther of sur - pass - ing worth: Son of God and gra-cious Sav - ior, you have come from heav'n a - bove; Ho - ly One in faith we name you, God most high, yet near to all:



we ex - alt you, we a - dore you, we lift high our thanks and praise. on the cross you died to save us; now you reign at God's right hand. Je - sus Christ, with God the Spir - it, in the Fa - ther's splen - dor bright.



Saints and an - gels bow be - fore you; here on earth our songs we raise. Hear our prayer; re - store, for - give us; in your prom - ise firm we stand. For the peace that we in - her - it, glo - ry be to God on high!

Prayer of the Day

Let us pray.

O God who speaks to the people through voices of yesterday and today, bring your word for us.

Speak through shepherds and farmworkers, through tree trimmers and landscapers, through those who work the land you love so much.

For they know the pain of the earth, the pain of the people, what needs to be done, and what hope can create.

Give us open hearts to listen to their message and to open hands to do the work you ask of us.

Amen

The assembly is seated.

WORD

God speaks to us in scripture readings, preaching and song.

Translation: NRSV-UE

1st Reading - Amos 7:7-15

A reading from Amos.

This is what he showed me: the Lord was standing beside a wall built with a plumb line, with a plumb line in his hand. And the Lord said to me, "Amos, what do you see?" And I said, "A plumb line." Then the Lord said,

"See, I am setting a plumb line
in the midst of my people Israel;
I will spare them no longer;
the high places of Isaac shall be made desolate,
and the sanctuaries of Israel shall be laid waste,
and I will rise against the house of Jeroboam with the sword."

Then Amaziah, the priest of Bethel, sent to King Jeroboam of Israel, saying, "Amos has conspired against you in the very center of the house of Israel; the land is not able to bear all his words. For thus Amos has said,

'Jeroboam shall die by the sword, and Israel must go into exile away from his land.' "

And Amaziah said to Amos, "O seer, go, flee away to the land of Judah, earn your bread there, and prophesy there, but never again prophesy at Bethel, for it is the king's sanctuary, and it is a temple of the kingdom."

Then Amos answered Amaziah, "I am no prophet nor a prophet's son, but I am a herdsman and a dresser of sycamore trees, and the Lord took me from following the flock, and the Lord said to me, 'Go, prophesy to my people Israel.'

Word of God, Word of Life.

Thanks be to God!

A reading from Ephesians.

Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who has blessed us in Christ with every spiritual blessing in the heavenly places, just as he chose us in Christ before the foundation of the world to be holy and blameless before him in love. He destined us for adoption as his children through Jesus Christ, according to the good pleasure of his will, to the praise of his glorious grace that he freely bestowed on us in the Beloved. In him we have redemption through his blood, the forgiveness of our trespasses, according to the riches of his grace that he lavished on us. With all wisdom and insight he has made known to us the mystery of his will, according to his good pleasure that he set forth in Christ, as a plan for the fullness of time, to gather up all things in him, things in heaven and things on earth. In Christ we have also obtained an inheritance, having been destined according to the purpose of him who accomplishes all things according to his counsel and will, so that we, who were the first to set our hope on Christ, might live for the praise of his glory. In him you also, when you had heard the word of truth, the gospel of your salvation, and had believed in him, were marked with the seal of the promised Holy Spirit; this is the pledge of our inheritance toward redemption as God's own people, to the praise of his glory.

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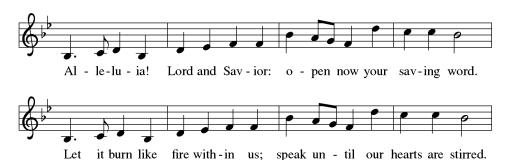
Thanks be to God!

Please stand as you are able to welcome the gospel.

Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia

ELW Setting 10





Gospel - Mark 6:14-29

Translation: NRSV-UE

The Good News from Mark, the 6th chapter. **Open our hearts, Lord.**

King Herod heard of it, for Jesus's name had become known. Some were saying, "John the baptizer has been raised from the dead, and for this reason these powers are at work in him." But others said, "It is Elijah." And others said, "It is a prophet, like one of the prophets of old." But when Herod heard of it, he said, "John, whom I beheaded, has been raised."

For Herod himself had sent men who arrested John, bound him, and put him in prison on account of Herodias, his brother Philip's wife, because Herod had married her. For John had been telling Herod, "It is not lawful for you to have your brother's wife." And Herodias had a grudge against him and wanted to kill him. But she could not, for Herod feared John, knowing that he was a righteous and holy man, and he protected him. When he heard him, he was greatly perplexed, and yet he liked to listen to him. But an opportunity came when Herod on his birthday gave a banquet for his courtiers and officers and for the leaders of Galilee. When his daughter Herodias came in and danced, she pleased Herod and his guests, and the king said to the girl, "Ask me for whatever you wish, and I will give it."

And he swore to her, "Whatever you ask me, I will give you, even half of my kingdom." She went out and said to her mother, "What should I ask for?" She replied, "The head of John the baptizer." Immediately she rushed back to the king and requested, "I want you to give me at once the head of John the Baptist on a platter." The king was deeply grieved, yet out of regard for his oaths and for the guests, he did not want to refuse her. Immediately the king sent a soldier of the guard with orders to bring John's head. He went and beheaded him in the prison, brought his head on a platter, and gave it to the girl. Then the girl gave it to her mother. When his disciples heard about it, they came and took his body and laid it in a tomb.

This is the Good News!

Thanks be to God!

The assembly is seated.

Sermon Pastor Cindy Camp

Please stand as you are able.

Hymn of the Day

Let justice flow like streams

ELW 717



- 2 Let righ-teous-ness roll on as oth ers' cares we heed,
- 3 So may God's plumb line, straight, de fine our mea sure true,



en - a-bling growth, re - fresh-ing life, a - bun - dant, cleans-ing, sure. an ev - er - flow - ing stream of faith trans-lat - ed in - to deed. and jus-tice, right, and peace per-vade this world our whole life through.



Sacrament of Holy Baptism

Wyatt Michael

Presentation

We enter the Christian community in and through baptism.

We are human, sin and fall short of all that God hopes we will be, and all that the world needs us to be.

God is a forgiving God who draws us into the cleansing baptismal water with Christ. With the water and the Word, the Spirit blows into us and we become a beloved child of God.

Our baptism is followed by a lifelong journey of being nurtured and formed by the Word as taught through our family, affirmed by us, and experienced in and through the presence of Christ in worship, water, Word, wine, bread, and prayer. In our baptism, we are called to the mission of Christ, to be disciples in our daily lives for the sake of the world.

Trusting in the grace and love of God, Curtis and Aimee, do you desire to have Wyatt baptized?

Response: We do.

Curtis and Aimee, as you present Wyatt to receive the gift of baptism, you are entrusted with these responsibilities:

to live with him among God's faithful people, bring him to the word of God and the holy supper, teach him the Lord's Prayer, the Creed, and the Ten Commandments, place in his hands the holy scriptures, and nurture him in faith and prayer, so that he may learn to trust God, proclaim Christ through word and deed, care for others and the world God made, and work for justice and peace.

Curtis and Aimee, do you promise to help Wyatt grow in the Christian faith and life? Response: I do.

Laura and Eric, do you promise to nurture Wyatt in the Christian faith as you are empowered by God's Spirit, and to help him live in the covenant of baptism and in communion with the church? Response: I do.

People of God, do you promise to support, nurture, teach, pray and welcome Wyatt in his new life in Christ?

We do.

Affirmation of Faith

Curtis and Aimee, I ask you to reject sin, affirm your faith in Christ, and proclaim the faith of the church.

Do you reject the devil and all the forces that defy God, the powers of this world that rebel against God, and the ways of sin that draw you from God?

Response: We do.

With the whole church, let us confess our faith, the faith in which we baptize. People of God, do you believe in God the Father?

Yes, I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.

Do you believe in Jesus Christ, the Son of God?
Yes, I believe in Jesus Christ, God's only Son, our Lord,
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the virgin Mary,
suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried;
he descended to the dead.
On the third day he rose again;
he ascended into heaven, he is seated at the right hand of the Father,
and he will come to judge the living and the dead.

Do you believe in God the Holy Spirit?
Yes, I believe in the Holy Spirit,
the holy catholic Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen

Baptism

We give you thanks, God, for in the beginning your Spirit moved over the waters and you created the world by your Word, calling forth life.

Send your Holy Spirit into this water and on all who are washed in it, that they may be given new life.

To you be given honor and praise through Jesus Christ our Lord, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, now and forever.

Amen

Wyatt Michael, you are baptized in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

Amen

Let us pray. Sustain Wyatt Michael with the gift of your Holy Spirit: the spirit of wisdom and understanding, the spirit of counsel and might, the spirit of knowledge and the fear of the Lord, the spirit of joy in your presence, both now and forever.

Amen

Wyatt Michael, child of God, you are sealed by the Holy Spirit and marked with the cross of Christ forever. **Amen**

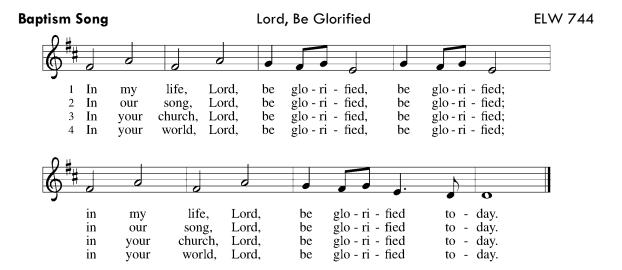
Wyatt Michael, child of God, you are clothed in Christ. All who are baptized into Christ have put on Christ.

Amen

Welcome

Let your light so shine before others that they may see your good works and glorify our Father in heaven. Let us welcome the newly baptized.

We welcome you into the body of Christ and into the mission we share: join us in giving thanks and praise to God, as we bear God's creative and renewing Word to all the world.



Prayers of the People

Invitation to prayer:

One in the communion of saints and in the power of the Holy Spirit, we join our voices in prayer.

After each petition:

Loving Parent of us all,

hear our prayer.

Pastor's closing prayer:

Holy God, holy and merciful: into your outstretched arms we commend ourselves and all for whom we pray, trusting in the one who is the way, the truth, and the life, Jesus Christ our Savior and Lord.

Amen

Peace

The peace of the Lord be with you always. **And also with you.**

The people may greet one another with a sign of Christ's peace by saying, "Peace be with you."

The assembly is seated.

MEAL

God feeds us with the presence of Jesus Christ.

Response to God's gifts

The assembly responds to the Word of God by gathering an offering for the mission of the church, including the care of those in need. Please place your offering in the offering plates on the tables in the rear of the worship center.

The table is set.

Please stand as you are able.

Great Thanksgiving

May the God of wonder be with you.

And also with you.

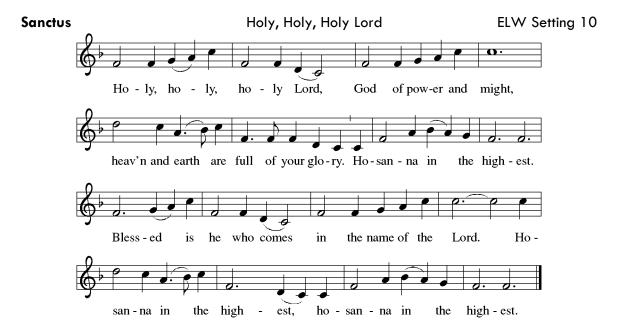
Lift up your hearts to God, whose steadfast love dwells within you.

We welcome the One whose faithfulness runs barefoot through our hearts.

Sing of the peace which is God's gift to you.

We join in the chorus of glad praises to the One whose justice is the hope of all the world.

So now with those who praise you with song and silence, with tambourines and organs, we proclaim the riches of your grace:



Words of Institution

Word in Meal

Pour out your Holy Spirit upon us as you gather us all in this place.

As we take and tasted the bread of heaven, may its brokenness become our healing, that we may become hope to a world shattered by fear.

As we share the cup, may its grace become our fullness, that we might empty ourselves to become blessings to those who long for peace and reconciliation in their lives.

Lord's Prayer

God in Community, Holy in One, in you we discover the fullness we long for, even as we pray as we are taught, saying:

Our Father in heaven,
hallowed be your name,
your kingdom come,
your will be done,
on earth as in heaven.
Give us today our daily bread.
Forgive us our sins
as we forgive those
who sin against us.
Save us from the time of trial
and deliver us from evil.
For the kingdom, the power,
and the glory are yours,
now and forever. Amen

Invitation to the table

The one who has called us beloved children has prepared a table for us.

Let us gather everyone and feast together as a family.

The assembly is seated.

Distribution of communion

The body of Christ given for you. The blood of Christ shed for you.

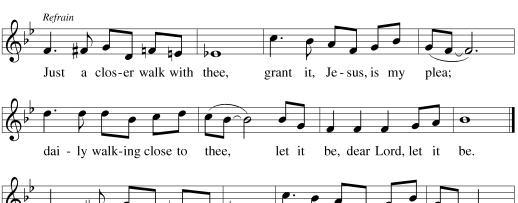
Agnus Dei O Lamb of God ELW Setting 10



Communion Hymn

Just a closer walk with thee

ELW 697





- am weak but thou art strong: Je sus, keep me from all wrong;
- 2 Through this world of toil and snares, if I fal-ter, Lord, who cares?
- 3 When my fee-ble life is o'er, time for me will be no more;



I'll be sat - is - fied as long Who with me my bur-den shares? guide me gent-ly, safe-ly o'er as I walk, let me walk close to thee. None but thee, dear. . Lord, none but thee. to thy king-dom. . shore, to thy shore.





Please stand as you are able.

Prayer after communion

Let us pray.

Jesus, bread of life,
we have received from your table
more than we could ever ask.

As you have nourished us in this meal,
now strengthen us to love the world with your own life.
In your name we pray.

Amen

The assembly is seated.

SENDING

God blesses us and sends us in mission to the world.

2024 National Youth Gathering Commissioning Litany

Youth and adult leaders gather before the congregation, facing the pastor. The presiding minister addresses the congregation:

At your baptism, you were claimed by God and promises were made on your behalf. At your confirmation, you claimed your faith as your own and made certain promises. Here are the promises you made:

- To live among God's faithful people,
- To hear the word of God and share in the Lord's supper,
- To proclaim the good news of God in Christ through words and deed,
- To serve all people, following the example of Jesus
- To strive for justice and peace in all the earth.

As we send you to New Orleans for the 2024 ELCA Youth Gathering whose theme is Created to Be, we know that we are sending you to live out your baptismal promises and learn how you are Created to Be:

- Brave to show up with an open mind and heart, willing to be challenged,
- Authentic to bring you whole selves and know that you and all God's children are loved by our creator,
- Free to be transformed by the gospel,
- Disruptive to fight for justice for all our siblings
- Disciples to be sent into the world to love our neighbor, just as we are loved by God.

Participants turn to the congregation. The presiding minister then addresses the congregation:

We send this group forth on their journey to New Orleans to experience the body of Christ beyond this place. They will return to us with a new commitment to serve all God's people, following the example of Jesus, and with new skills to be able to strive for justice and peace in all the earth. We give thanks for the way you have supported them and ask: Will you continue to support and pray for them as they journey together into the world?

C: We will.

Let us pray:

Gracious God, grant peace and safety to those attending the youth gathering and bless them; form them by your hand, guide them by your Word, renew them by your Spirit, protect them as they travel, and make their ways safe and their homecoming joyful.

Amen

God has looked with favor on this community and has blessed us through the lives of these young people and their mentors. As they have been a blessing to us, so now we send them forth as missionaries to the larger church to be a blessing to the people of New Orleans and all those they meet, through Jesus Christ, our truth and our life.

Go now with Jesus.

Amen

Please stand as you are able.

Blessing

Dance before the Lord.
Go to share God's blessings with others.
As you journey forth, express Christ's love with the world.
In the name of the Triune God, Creator, Redeemer and Sanctifier.

Amen

Sending Hymn Please see next page

Dismissal

Go in peace. You are the body of Christ.

Thanks be to God.

Sending Music Toccata Thygerson



- 1 Lead on, O King e ter nal! The day of march has come;
- 2 Lead on, O King e ter nal, till sin's fierce war shall cease,
- 3 Lead on, O King e ter nal: we fol low, not with fears,



hence-forth in fields of con - quest your tents will be our home. and ho - li - ness shall whis - per the sweet a - men of peace; for glad-ness breaks like morn - ing wher - e'er your face ap - pears.



Through days of prep - a - ra - tion your grace has made us strong; for not with swords loud clash - ing, nor roll of stir-ring drums, Your cross is lift - ed o'er us; we jour - ney in its light;



e - ter - nal, bat - tle and now, O King we lift our song. but deeds of love and mer - cy heav'n-ly king - dom comes. the the crown a - waits the con - quest; lead God of on, 0 might!



Please continue to pray for the youth and adults attending the National Youth Gathering in New Orleans this coming week.

Youth: Isabella, Nathan, Hayden, Mackenzie, Jonah, Emma, Joshua, Kate, Maddox, Hannah, Luke, and Anna.

Adults: Thomas Doherty, Adam Fermier, Amber O'Brien, and Theresa Schinkowitch.

Please join in supporting our church's ministries using your preferred method of giving:

- Enroll in our on-line giving program, Simply Giving (recommended);
- Mail your offering check to the church;
- Use your credit or debit card at the Giving Kiosk;
- Text your offering to 610-981-1312;
- Download our mobile app for recurring or one-time gifts;
- Establish automatic contributions to the church using your bank's bill pay service.

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